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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: DANIEL TUIJNMAN - MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND WATERWAYS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: DANIEG SEBASTIAAN TUIJNMAN IS MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND WATERWAYS IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS. HE WAS BORN IN MIDDELBURG ON APRIL 16, 1915 AND RECEIVED HIS MASTERS' LEVEL DEGREE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY IN WAGENINGEN. TUIJNMAN WORKED WITH THE DAIRY PRODUCE BOARB FROM 1942-45; IN 1945 HE BECAME SECCETARY-TREASURER OF THE HOLLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND HELD THIS POST UNTIL 1972. TUIJNMAN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SECOND CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY (VVD) SINCE 1963. HE IS AN AGRICULTURAL EXPERT AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE "MERIDON" ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTE IN CHEVREUSE, FRANCE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: UNTIL HE MOVED INTO HIS NEW POST AS MINISTER, TUIJNMAN WAY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE VVD IM PARLIAMENT. HE CLAIMED TO PREFER TO REMAIN IN THE BACK-GROUND INSTEAD OF BECOMING A CHAIRMAN OR MINISTER. HE HAS A REPUTATION IN PARLIAMENT FOR STABILITY AND LEVELHEADEDNESS. HOWEVER, HE CALLS HIMSELF A "FREE BIRD", AND NOT CUT OUT TO BE A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL; HE SAYS HE WANTS TO WORK TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BECOMING "POLITICAL ROBOTS."

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3. HAVING SERVED FOR FOURTEEN YEARS IN PARLIAMENT, A GOOD PART OF THEM AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF HIS PARTY FACTION, TUIJNMAN KNOWS THE GIVE AND TAKE OF DUTCH POLITICS. THIS SHOULD HELP HIM IN DISPENSING THE LARGE PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY HIS MINISTRY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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